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Figures showing the actual expenditure for the year 1934–35 are not yet available. The expenditure according to the revised estimate for the year was as shown below:—

	Institutions for Indians.	Institutions for Anglo-Indians and Europeans.
Concession No. (1).	The expenditure in institutions under local bodies is met by the local body concerned, while that in aided schools is made good to the management along with the teaching grants: separate figures are not available.	..
Concession No. (2).	Rs. 20,500	Rs. 14,400 in the aggregate; separate figures under each of the concessions are not available.
Concession No. (3).	Rs. 700	

Cost and nature of the educational concessions granted to the dependants of sepoys in 1934–35.

* 265 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the nature of concessions granted for the education of sepoys' dependants in 1934–35; and

(*b*) the total cost incurred in 1934–35 in that connexion under the various heads thereon?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 264.

Educational scholarships provided for by the Labour Department.

* 266 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that several schools are not paying the scholarships for which provision has been made by the Labour Department, in view of the half-fee concessions under rule 92 of the Madras Educational Rules;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that the Local and Municipal Department passed orders under date 9th March 1935 that full fees should be recovered; and

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that the schools put pressure on several of the students and collected full fees from them when they applied for transfer certificates and that several amounts of scholarships are still undisbursed?

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) It is presumed that the reference is to the recovery of fees from pupils belonging to the depressed classes. No general orders on the subject were issued by Government in the Local Self-Government Department on March 9th.

Excise

Delay in the acceptance or rejection of bids at abkari sales.

* 267 *Q.*—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether bids at abkari sales are not promptly accepted or rejected;

(*b*) whether the bids are kept in suspense till dates of resales;

(*c*) if so, whether the old bidders are disabled from withdrawing their bids; and

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that much hardship is caused to bidders by this method?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government are not aware that the facts are as suggested. The conditions applicable to abkari sales are published in advance by the Commissioner of Excise. For the latest notifications on the subject, the attention of the hon. Member is invited to the supplements to Part II of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 29th January 1935 and 25th June 1935.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Famine Relief

Expenditure on relief works in the Ceded districts.

268 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of money spent this year on relief works in the Ceded districts till the 1st August 1935; and

(*b*) the amounts spent on such relief works during the course of the last twelve years?

A.—(*a*) The actual expenditure up to the end of March 1935 is Rs. 2,18,233. The actual figures of expenditure from 1st April 1935 are not yet available. Allotments amounting to Rs. 8,82,000 have been sanctioned for famine relief from the end of March to the end of July 1935. These figures do not include grants made to the district boards for the expansion of ordinary works to provide employment.

(*b*) Particulars are not readily available and their compilation would involve a great deal of time and labour.